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Whereas, the Village Panchayat Elections 2012 are scheduled on 16th May, 2012.

And Whereas, it has been observed that after the campaigning period ends i.e. 48 hours before the Poll to be precise from 17.00 hrs. from 14th May, 2012, the situation may likely to become tense which may result in law and order problem which may continue even on the day of the Poll.

And Whereas, to have free and fair elections, voters should not be influenced by inducement or by intimidation by the contesting candidates or their supporters.

And Whereas, there are sufficient legal provisions under the Representation of People Act and the Indian Penal Code empowering elections machinery to take all necessary steps required to have free and fair elections and also to prosecute the offenders.

Now, Therefore, I, N. D. Agrawal, District Magistrate, South Goa District, Margao in exercise of the powers vested in me under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 do hereby order that:

- 1) From 17.00 hrs. of 14-05-2012 to 21.00 hrs. of 15-05-2012 in the South Goa District under the jurisdiction of South Goa District.
 - a) Any assembly of five or more persons (including contesting candidates or workers) will be deemed as unauthorised assembly u/s 141 of the Indian Penal Code and will be prohibited to avoid any procession or rally under the garb of House to House visits or Corner meetings and to prevent any nuisance and law and order problems.
 - b) All vehicles permitted to all the contesting candidates by the concerned Returning Officer shall not ply on roads from evening 18.00 hrs. to 06.00 hrs. to avoid any distribution of money or gifts or liquor and to prevent any nuisance and law and order problems, and
 - c) All private vehicles shall be checked in dignified manner to avoid their misuse for distribution of money or gifts or liquor and for causing any nuisance as also to avoid any harassment to private persons, and
- 2) On the day of Poll, viz. from 06.00 hrs. to 21.00 hrs. of 16-05-2012 in the jurisdiction of South Goa District.

- a) Hotels, Restaurants, Bars, Tea Shops, Pan Shops and other Food Shops (dhabas, gaddas) etc. within the vicinity of 200 mts. of any Polling Station will remain closed to avoid their misuse for carrying campaigning or intimidation of voters or influencing voters and to prevent any gathering of crowd and any law and order problem.

However, the above Order shall not apply to Officers authorized on Election Duty by the Election

Commission or the State Government including the Polling Officials, Magistrates, Police Officials and Government Staff.

Given under my hand and seal of this office, on this 11th day of May, 2012.

N. D. Agrawal,
District Magistrate and
District Election Officer,
South Goa District, Margao.

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